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Welcome to the June 2003 edition. Summer is arriving here in eastern Canada, as thoughts turn to plans for summer activities, vacations, etc. Wherever you may be, I hope you are out enjoying yourself. I'd like to extend Happy Father's Day greetings to all the dads in our group.

Our turnout of contributors, to both the newsletter in general, and the monthly survey question, continues to be very low. There are literally thousands of you out there around the world receiving and hopefully enjoying this free publication each month. I'd really enjoy seeing some new names appearing on our contributors' list.

I'd like to welcome a new group of subscribers from Western Europe this month, particularly a new group from France. I'm not sure where you all found out about the Newsletter, but welcome aboard.

This month's "Special Zone" will feature sites relating to D-Day, the upcoming Father's day celebration, and one of the largest events of the year for amateur radio operators, Field Day.

Enjoy it all, and feel free to get involved. Have a great month.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Last month's question dealt with your dream form of transportation. If money was no object and you could own any vehicle, any make, any model, that you wanted, what would it be. Here are the results.

Just 23 respondents to the Survey question from last month.

9 votes- sports car
5 votes- luxury car
5 votes- sports utility vehicle (incl. 3 Hummers!)
3 votes- luxury motor home
2 votes- sports utility vehicle
1 vote - motorcycle

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Here is a very interesting question which someone asked me the other day. It is a great question to throw out at a family gathering, a party among friends, etc. The answers we got were all over the table. Let's see what it does here.

If you could have one famous person, living or dead, over to your home, for a one-on-one, sit-down dinner, who would it be?

There are no restrictions here. It could be a politician, inventor, celebrity, musician or anyone else. Feel free to give us the reasons for your choice.

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Up to 8 contributors of web sites this month. We can certainly do a whole lot better than that! Thanks to those who took the time to contribute this month.

James Cullen, ???
Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec
Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland
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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

JUNO BEACH CENTRE - Remember June 6, 1944
http://www.junobeach.org/

The Juno Beach Centre, officially opening June 6, 2003, at Courseulles-sur-Mer in Normandy, will provide recognition of Canada's military and civilian

contributions during the Second World War. It will preserve for future generations the knowledge of the contributions of that generation of Canadians and honour the gifts of valour and freedom that were given by all Canadians who participated. NOTE: This is a bilingual site.

FATHER'S DAY ON THE NET (JUNE 15)

http://www.holidays.net/father/index.htm

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

A.R.R.L. FIELD DAY -- June 28/29, 2003
http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2003/rules-fd-2003.html

The annual A.R.R.L. Field Day event is coming up at the end of June. The object is to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio. Check out the ARRL's special page for Field Day details, rules and other related information.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

NEW FROM YAESU

Yaesu VX-2R Mini Dual-band Portable

This new handheld has 1.5 watts of output power on 13.8 vdc. The 1 amp hour lithium ion battery pack powers a high efficiency PA circuit. When using an external power source it will provide up to 3 watts of output power. The unit is slightly smaller than the VX-1R.

FEATURES:

1.5 watts on 2m, 1 watt on 70cm
3 watts 2m, 2 watts 70cm on 13.8 vdc
Wide VHF/UHF multi-band receive
900 regular memory channels
100 band limit memories
6 Character Alpha-Numeric Display
Built-in CTCSS Encode/Decode
Built-in DCS Encode/Decode
Built-in CTCSS/DCS Tone Search Feature
Dual channel priority operation
One Touch ARTS (Automatic Range Transponding System)
Priority Channel Alarm
Busy channel lock out
DC voltage meter display
Size H81 x W47 x D23 mm
Weight 4.7 ounces with battery installed
Wide and narrow deviation
1750 Hz tone calling

To check out some initial user reviews of this new radio, please click on:

http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/3318

Please contact Radio H.F. for details on availability and pricing, as well as any other Yaesu products or accessories.

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THE RADIO ZONE

RADIO-INFO

http://www.radio-info.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

If you like radio, and if you like to talk about it with others, then this site is for you. The site is developing and expanding. There are links to discussion boards and groups in numerous U.S. cities, plus there is also a link for Canada. Be sure to check out links to specialty boards on air checks, Classic Radio, DX, Engineering, Amateur Radio, LPFM / Community Radio, Satellite Radio and Television.

INTERNET RADIO PLAZA

http://www.webradiolist.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site has links to almost 1500 different Internet radio services. You can choose from categories of stations, or search by country, language or even the type of on-line player used. This is a very crowded, flashy site. Don't get dizzy on the home page.

FRIDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

http://www.fmqb.com/default.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The FMQB Family of Publications super-serve radio programming departments with finely targeted publications that frequently rank at or near the top of reader satisfaction surveys conducted by independent researchers. Readership is approximately 9,000 industry professionals, comprised primarily of radio program directors, operations managers, music directors, marketing & promotion directors, and imaging directors. Our readership also includes radio general managers, consultants, researchers, record company promotion executives, artist managers, agents and other readers interested in the radio and music industries.

UNITED STATES EARLY RADIO HISTORY

http://earlyradiohistory.us/index.html

VIA Eric Wolfe, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

A collection of articles and extracts about early radio and related technologies, concentrating on the United States in the period from 1897 to 1927, compiled by Thomas H. White.

AM/FM-THE LONDON PIRATE RADIO RESOURCE

http://www.amfm.org.uk/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

In the 1980's and 1990's, TX and AM/FM magazines chronicled the London pirate radio scene. Now these publications have been made available on-line, together with vintage tapes of the London pirate radio scene.

RADIO AMATEURS OF QUEBEC

http://www.raqi.ca

VIA Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec

The new Radio Amateur du Quebec Inc. (RAQI) web site is now on line. This site is the result of work coordinated by the webmaster, Mr. James R. Hay, VE2VE. The advisory committee made up of Bobby Waite (VE2KBM), Alain Blanchette (VA2ABL) and myself (VE2MBS) provided guidance and advice during the early stages of this project and to the three stagiaires, Don McCracken, Martin-Youri Huneault and Carole Binette. The site has been simplified in order to make the information much more accessible. Useful information for Anglophones has also been added.

QRP WORLD

http://www.qrpworld.com/welcome.htm

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This site includes information on all phases of low power amateur radio communications. The developers of this site hope to make it a valuable contribution in the promotion of Ham Radio in general and of QRP operating in particular. We solicit your comments and suggestions. Contributions for posting on this site in the form of articles, hints, tips, news events and product announcements are invited.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY TIME AND FREQUENCY DIVISION

http://www.boulder.nist.gov/timefreq/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Any shortwave listener or amateur radio operator is probably familiar with the radio station WWV or WWVH, but there is a whole lot more to these stations. The Time and Frequency Division, part of NIST's Physics Laboratory, maintains the standard for frequency and time interval for the United States, provides official time to the United States, and carries out a broad program of research and service activities in time and frequency metrology.

SCANNER NUTS

http://www.webdeals.net/k4lyp.htm

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

"In God We Trust; All Others We Monitor" is the headline on this site dedicated to all the radio and scanner nuts. The site is maintained by Mr. Dan Browning.

RADIO MODIFICATIONS

http://www.mods.dk/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

The biggest WWW sites on internet for tips, tricks, and modifications of HAM rigs, HAM modems, etc, and it's free to use.

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ICOM IC-PCR1000 PC CONTROLLED RECEIVER

Looking for a full-coverage receiver, in a compact package, that is controlled by your personal computer? You have found it with the Icom IC-PCR1000. This unit, sold in Canada, has Canadian Frequency Coverage of 100 kHz to 1300 MHz. with WFM, FM, AM, SSB, CW modes. There are 1000 memory channels per file (number of files created is up to the user). The unit has a BNC (50 ohm) antenna connector and comes complete with software, ready to run with your PC.

For further details and specifications, please visit:

http://www.icomamerica.com/receivers/pc/icpcr1000main.html

For pricing and availability of these, or any other Icom products, please contact Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

THE FREEDOM FORUM

http://www.freedomforum.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Freedom Forum is a non-partisan foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people. The foundation focuses on three main priorities: the Newseum, First Amendment freedoms and newsroom diversity.

REPORTERS SANS FRONTIERS / REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

http://www.rsf.fr

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Reporters without Borders is an association officially recognised as serving the public interest
More than a third of the world's people live in countries where there is no press freedom. Reporters without Borders works constantly to restore their right to be informed. Thirty-one media professionals lost their lives in 2001 for doing what they were paid to do -- keeping us informed. Today, more than 120 journalists around the world are in prison simply for doing their job. In Nepal, Eritrea and China, they can spend years in jail just for using the "wrong" word or photo. Reporters without Borders believes imprisoning or killing a journalist is like eliminating a key witness and threatens everyone's right to be informed. It has been fighting such practices for more than 17 years. This site is available in English, French and Spanish.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS PHOTO ARCHIVE

http://www.indiana.edu/~league/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Although the League of Nations ceased to exist in 1946, its archives and historical collections survive as invaluable resources for historical research. In 1957, the Archives of the League of Nations were created. The Archives includes official records as well as portraits, paintings, caricatures, original artworks and unique objects d'art. In June 2000 Robert Goehlert led a research team to the League of Nations Archives, which included Jian Liu and Kris Bell, to start a digital library project dedicated to digitizing one of the League of Nations Archives' photograph collections. Here are the results.

CANADIAN METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/cmos/default.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) is the national society of individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing atmospheric and oceanic sciences and related environmental disciplines in Canada. The Society's aim is to promote meteorology and oceanography in Canada, and it is a major non-governmental organization serving the interests of meteorologists, climatologists, oceanographers, limnologists, hydrologists and cryospheric scientists in Canada.

THE U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY ASTROMOMICAL APPLICATIONS

http://aa.usno.navy.mil

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Welcome to the web pages of the Astronomical Applications Department of the U.S. Naval Observatory. Our products - almanacs, software, and web services - provide precise astronomical data for practical applications, serving the defense, scientific, commercial, and civilian communities.

ASTRONOMY RESOURCES

http://www.qozi.com/astronomy/

VIA James Cullen, Webmaster

This page is a collection of books, news groups and categorized links in the field of astronomy.

NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY

http://www.nycsubway.org/

VIA Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

This site focuses on the New York City subway system, from A to Z, including many photographs of the subway cars, stations, tunnels, plus historical information. There are also links to transit information from other cities and countries.

MARS NEWS

http://www.marsnews.com

VIA Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Established in 1999 this page offers news and information about the Red Planet. There is also a link to a weekly radio programme, available on the net, called Radio Free Mars.

CHRONOLOGY OF SAN FRANCISCO ROCK

http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist1/rock.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

If you grew up, like I did, a teenager in the late '60s and early '70s, and are a rock music fan, like me, then this history of San Francisco rock will be just for you. It is part of a much bigger webpage, The Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco.

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RADIO H.F. NATURE DIVISION
A NEW PRODUCT LINE FROM RADIO H.F.

Radio HF has opened up a new division featuring books and publications for the nature lover. The Radio H.F. Nature Division stocks books on birding, animals, insects, flowers, trees, and other nature related subjects. Our catalog will include some of the most popular titles in the field, including:

National Audubon Society Field Guides
National Audubon Society Picket Guides
Sibley Field Guides to Birds
Willow Creek Press books and calendars
Willow Creed Press Pet Owners' Guides
Peterson Field Guides (Birds, Plants, Mammals, Insects, Reptiles, Fishes)
Peterson Audio Cassettes and CDs
Storey Books (Birds, cats, dogs, butterflies)

These, plus many other nature related publications are now available through Radio H.F. If you are interested in any of these subjects, please contact Radio H.F. Nature Division for a complete catalog, at:

radiohf@total.net

The Radio H.F. web site will soon be expanded to include the listing of publications available through

our Nature Division.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

WHOLE SHOW

http://www.wholeshow.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

They call it an "un-search" engine. This site links you to a collection of subjects. Be sure to check out the "Entertainment" section which has a sub-section called "radio".

GOOGLE WATCH

http://www.google-watch.org

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Is Google, the world's most popular search engine, undermining the Web? You decide after reading these folks' comments, particularly those on 'Page Ranking', how it is done and how it is applied and abused.

JEFF RUSSELL'S STARSHIP DIMENSIONS

http://www.merzo.net/index.html

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Hollywood has given us all sorts of mock starships, but if they were really built to scale, how large would they actually be? Jeff Russell rescues sci-fi fans by creating a site that uses a pixel-to-meter gauge for over 200 ships from Star Trek, Babylon 5, Star Wars, and more. An enormous Boeing 747 dominates the 10x page -- even the giant Plasma Bug from Starship Troopers is dwarfed by it. Wow, some people really have a lot of time to spare!

THE PACER PAGE

http://www.amcpacer.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Well, I can assure you that no one picked this little gem as their "Dream Machine" vehicle in last month's survey. This site memorializes the unique Pacer, something I best remember as resembling a goldfish bowl.

THE 100 MOST IRRELEVANT FIGURES OF THE 20TH CENTURY

http://www.seespanrun.com/figures.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

As we look back on the 20th Century, there has been much debate over who are the most influential figures of the past 100 years... Time Magazine selected Albert Einstein as its "Person of the Century." Other publications have selected the likes of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Jonas Salk. Not much thought has been given, however, to those people or things that have played little or no role at all in some of the major events of the past century. So, in celebration of the New Millennium, See Span Run will honor those people or things that were completely irrelevant in shaping the 20th century.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM RSGB-RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Antenna Topics - by Pat Hawker, G3VA

If you are interested in antennas this book is a goldmine of information and ideas on the subject. Pat Hawker has been writing his "Technical Topics" column in Radcom since 1958 and in this time has produced much excellent work. This book is a chronological collection of cuttings of Pat's words over the years. Hundreds of areas and subjects are covered and many good ideas are included. Carefully indexed, this book is not only a great reference but also a history of over forty years of antenna design.
384 pages. © 2002, published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB).#8963 -- $49.95 Canadian

Practical Projects - by Dr. George Brown, M5ACN

Packed with fifty "weekend projects," this is a book of simple construction projects for the radio amateur and those just interested electronics. A wide variety of radio ideas are covered with everything from an 80 meter transceiver, antennas, ATUs and simple electronic keyers. Other simple electronic designs include dry battery testers, mobile microphones and various meters and monitors. The book also contains a handy section on "now I've built it, what shall I do with it?" questions answered. This book is excellent for those just looking for interesting ideas to construct and for newcomers looking to expand their knowledge.
224 page. © 2002, published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). #8971 -- $35.95

Please contact Radio H.F. for ordering information on these new releases, or any other books or publications.

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec)

Saturday, June 7
Downeast Fleamarket
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Location: Annex to Halifax Forum, corner Young and Windsor Streets
Vendors: 6 AM; Public: 10 AM
Admission: $3; Tables: Free
Talk-in: 147.270 (+)
Information: David VE1NN, 902-462-3945
E-mail: dnimmo@accesswave.ca
Web Page: http://www.halifax-arc.org

Saturday, June 7
Central Ontario Fleamarket and Hamfest. - Fergus, Ontario
Location: Fergus & District Community Centre, 10 km north of Guelph off Highway 6.
Vendors: 6 AM; Tailgaters 7 AM; Public 8 AM to 12:30
Admission $5.00 -- Vendors - Inside tables $10.00 plus admission, Outside Tailgater spaces $5, plus admission.
Talk-in: VE3ZGM 145.210 (-) & 146.520 Simplex.
Information: Mike Peleschak, VE3OGE
Phone: (519)-822-3552 E-mail: info@hamfest.on.ca
Web page: http://www.hamfest.on.ca

June 8- Maple Ridge ARC Hamfest
Pitt Meadows, British Columbia
Location: 12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC
Vendors: 7:30 AM; Public: 9 AM
Admission: $3; Tables: $18
Talk-in: 146.800 (-) Tone 156.7
Information: Mike Rossner, 604-466-2957
E-mail: meham@telus.net
Web Page: http://www.qsl.net/ve7rmr

June 13 to 15- Central Alberta Radio League 33rd Annual Picnic and Hamfest
Blackfalds, Alberta
Location: Burbank Fairgrounds
Talk-in: 147.150+ Tone 600 hz.
Information: Bob King, 403-782-3438
E-mail: sparkyham@telus.net
Web Page: http://www.carlclub.ca

Saturday, July 5- Ontario Hamfest 2003
Milton, Ontario
Location: Milton Agricultural Fairgrounds
Vendors: 7 AM; Public 9 AM
Admission: Public $6; Vendor: $5 tables plus admission charge
Talk-in: 147.520 simplex

Information: Mary, VE3QLF, 905-333-0826
E-mail: ve3qlf@rac.ca
Web Page: http://www.barc.ca

July 11 to 13- 40th Annual International Hamfest
Boissevain, Manitoba
Location: International Peace Garden
Registration begins Friday, July 11 at 6 PM
Admission: $13
Talk-in: 146.520 simplex
Information: Dave, VE4XN, 204-728-2463
E-mail: dsyndal@mb.sympatico.ca
Web Page: http://www.mts.net/~holderr

Saturday, July 12- NPARC Hamfest & Auction
Thorold, Ontario
Sponsored by the Niagara Peninsula ARC
Location: Basil Reid Park, 699 Allanburg Road,
Thorold, Ontario
Gates open at 7 AM; Auction at 10 AM
Admission: $5
Talk-in: 147,240 +
Information: Dave Wilson, 905-262-5588
E-mail: ve3bbn@hotmail.com
Web Page: http://www.qsl.net/ve3vm/tailgate.htm

July 18-19- Saskhamfest 2003
Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan
Talk-in: 146.820 or 146.610
Information by e-mail: ve5qu@rac.ca
Web Page: http://www.saskhamfest.com

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http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=What%27s+New

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that I am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, now in our 41st year of operation. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our June 2003 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). Celebrating 15 years on the air, co-host Bill Westenhaver and I present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may also listen to the International Radio Report when you like. Archived editions of the programme have been posted on the web, thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec. Please check:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

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http://www.rcinet.ca

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